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Dear Toni,

Since the Warren Report came out it seems I have no time. I made a trip to Frederick this afternoon to get a copy of LIFE for 10/2, which the distributor picked up for me, and as soon as I finish this I'm taking it to the next town, where I can just make the outgoing mail and will hope this will reach you tomorrow.

My copy of the Warren Report came yesterday, and I have spent even minute I have had with it. Fascinating! And Fantastic! I wont burden you by going into all the things I have already learned, none of which look good for any part of the government. But I will tell you a few things.

The police reports of their interrogations (12 hours, no steno, no tape) show Oswald talked about everything except the shooting. On them he insisted upon first having a lawyer. His appeal for a lawyer was also on TV and I'm sure you'll remember it from the CBS Report. The very last thing that happened before he was shot is reported by Inspector Kelley of the Secret Service, who specifies (page 630) that he got Oswald as far "out of hearing of the others" (police, FBI) as he could and expressed his anxiety to talk to Oswald "as soon as he secured counsel". Oswald, according to the Inspector, replied that as soon as he got a lawyer, either he or the lawyer, whichever the lawyer said, would talk to the Secret Service. Kelley even says Oswald said he be "glad to discuss" with the attorney! It is hard to miss the inference. Oswald had talked freely about everything except the crime, and he insisted from the beginning that he would do so only after he had counsel. But for two days the police denied him counsel. Is this why he got none? An interesting question, especially because lack of a counsel alone could have eliminated the possibility of trying him. Also on this point, I believe Oswald was charged with the murder of Tippit at 11:26 p.m. But he was arrested before 2 p.m., and I believe under the Mallory rule he had to be charged within six hours, or again no trial.

The letter from Moscow to Connally of which I sent you a facsimile seems not to be in the Report, although much trivia is.

In their reconstruction of his finances, (p. 745) intended to prove that he and his family could have lived on his income, without funds from CIA, etc., they have him spending a week in Mexico, including travel costs, on $84.25 total. And the man who planned this murder had only $13.87 on him when on the lam, but $170.00 in his room (listed in the tabulation as "Contesnts of Oswald's wallet"! Nobody is <u>that</u> insane!

But I dont want to waste your time-just excite your interest. The LIFE story and explanations are intended not for your immediate reading, unless you are interested, but in case you get a live bite.

As for my plans: I now have a good tape recorder. I'm reading the appendix first, for that seems to have been almost totally ignored. I'm noting such things as contradictions between the various police reports of the interrogations, and when I get down to the body of the report I'm going to make all my notes on tape. I know I wont have time to write a book, but I should be in a position to be a first-class collaborator. Sincerely,